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June 25, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor of the State of California 1021 O Street, Suite 9000 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 329-24

Dear Governor Newsom:

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One copy of Resolution No. 329-24 (File No. 240565)

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WHEREAS, California Law does not contain uniform rights for families of homicide victims to request review of unsolved homicide cases, instead leaving discretion over when and how to investigate open cases to local Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA); and

WHEREAS, While the California Public Records Act grants public access to public records, members of the public are not entitled to access investigative files and information unless the investigation is closed; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Gibson's proposed Assembly Bill No. 2913 would require LEA's to, upon the request of a designated person, review an open unsolved homicide case file that is more than a year old since January 1990 to determine if a reinvestigation would result in probative investigative leads; and

WHEREAS, The LEA's homicide case review would include an analysis of investigative steps that may have been missed in the initial investigation, an assessment if witnesses should be interviewed or re-interviewed, and an examination of physical evidence; and

extended, and providing the requesting party with periodic updates during the case file review and reinvestigation; and

WHEREAS, The LEA must conduct a reinvestigation of the case if LEA's review of a case file indicates that reinvestigation would result in probative investigative leads, with the stipulation that only one reinvestigation can be undertaken at any one time with respect to the same victim; and

WHEREAS, If a case file review is completed and a conclusion is reached to not conduct a reinvestigation, no additional case file review shall be undertaken for a period of five years, unless there is newly discovered, materially significant evidence; and

WHEREAS, The California Homicide Victim's Families' Rights Act represents a critical step towards justice for families affected by homicide, enhancing public safety, and providing solace to grieving families through proactive reexaminations of cold cases; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports Assembly Bill No. 2913 and urges its swift passage and implementation as a necessary step towards reducing the number of open unsolved homicide cases and allowing families to advocate for their loved ones murdered in California; and, be it



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June 04, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/4/2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Unsigned

06-14-2023

London N. Breed Mayor

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Clerk of the Board

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